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Indigenous issues

Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

Bolivia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico and Nicaragua: draft resolution

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The General Assembly,

Recalling all relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the Human Rights Council and the Economic and Social Council relating to the rights of indigenous peoples,

Recalling also its resolution 59/174 of 20 December 2004 on the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples (2005-2015),

Recalling further the 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,[1]

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[2] and the outcome document of the 2010 high-level plenary meeting on the Millennium Development Goals,[3]

Recalling also Human Rights Council resolution 15/14 of 30 September 2010, by which the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples, and resolution 15/7, of 30 September 2010, on human rights and indigenous peoples,

Taking note of the first Peoples' World Conference on Climate Change and the Rights of Mother Earth, held in Tiquipaya, Cochabamba, Plurinational State of Bolivia, from 20 to 22 April 2010,

Concerned about the extreme disadvantages that indigenous peoples have typically faced across a range of social and economic indicators, and about the impediments to their full enjoyment of their individual and collective rights,

[1] Resolution 61/295, annex.
[2] See resolution 60/1.
[3] A/65/L.1.

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1. *Welcomes* the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous peoples;[4]

2. *Also welcomes* the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations;[5]

3. *Decides* to approve the expansion of the mandate of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations in order to facilitate the participation of representatives of indigenous peoples' organizations in sessions of the Human Rights Council and of human rights treaty bodies;

4. *Urges* Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations and the United Nations Voluntary Fund for the Second Decade, and invites indigenous organizations and private institutions and individuals to do likewise;

5. *Encourages* those States that have not yet ratified or acceded to the International Labour Organization Convention concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples in Independent Countries, Convention C169, to consider doing so and to consider supporting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples,[1] and welcomes the increased support by States for that Declaration;

6. *Takes note* of the report of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people;[6]

7. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the midterm assessment of the progress made in the achievement of the goal and objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;[7]

8. *Calls upon* Member States to consider creating special national committees on the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People in order to promote the implementation of the Second Decade, and to strengthen international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous peoples in such areas as culture, education, health, human rights, the environment and social and economic development by means of action-oriented programmes and specific projects, increased technical assistance and relevant standard-setting activities, in line with the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the midterm assessment of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People;[8]

9. *Decides* to organize under the auspices of the United Nations a world Indigenous Peoples' Conference in 2014, to adopt measures to pursue the objectives of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and invites the President of the General Assembly to conduct open-ended informal consultations with Member States with a view to determining the modalities of the conference;

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[4] A/65/264.
[5] A/65/163.
[6] A/64/338.
[7] A/65/166.
[8] A/65/166, sect. IV.

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, relevant United Nations organizations and mechanisms and other stakeholders, including indigenous organizations, to submit to the Assembly at its sixty-seventh session a report that evaluates progress made in the achievement of the goal and objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People and its impact on the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals;

11. *Decides* to continue consideration of this question under the agenda item entitled "Indigenous issues".